

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Helpful Tips for Hurricane Victims

Wishing to Obtain a Michigan Driver's License or Identification Card

As the requirements are different in every state, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land felt it important to clearly outline what is necessary to obtain a Michigan driver's license or identification card. It is her hope that this will ease the process for our southern friends. Individuals moving to Michigan can ensure a smoother transition if they make an effort to obtain proper documentation as much in advance as possible.

Before a driver's license or ID card can be issued, new applicants must provide the following:

- Documents establishing identity,
- Proof of residency
- A social security number (or verification that the person is not eligible for a social security number.)

Persons 18 years old or older -- Must present three documents from the list below. At least one document must be a certified birth certificate or photo driver's license or identification card. (*At least one document must establish residency.*)

Persons under the age of 18 -- Must present either a certified birth certificate or photo driver's license or identification card.

The following items are those most easily obtained by recent victims of Hurricane Katrina. This is a limited list. A full list may be obtained at www.Michigan.gov/sos by clicking on "Driver License & State ID".

DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY

Photocopies or facsimiles of documents are not acceptable.

These documents must show the applicant's full name and date of birth. Expired documents may be accepted if the documents are authentic and still represent the applicant.

1. A **certified full-size or wallet-size birth certificate, issued by a U.S. or Canadian governmental unit.** A **certified** birth certificate (for a child) showing the applicant as a parent.

The document must have a raised seal or be a true copy. **HOSPITAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

2. An **out-of-state or Canadian** driver license/identification card
3. A **U.S. or Canadian** passport with a photo.
4. A **U.S. Department of State** non-immigrant visa.
5. A vehicle title or registration **from another state.**
6. A marriage license or divorce decree **from another state.** The document must have a raised seal or be a true copy.
7. School identification card with photo, school records, diploma, yearbook, etc., **from a U.S. school, college, or university.** (No more than two documents may be used.) The applicant must provide the school's name and telephone number, as well as the city and state where the school is located.
8. **U.S. military** discharge or separation documents (DD-214, etc.)

DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY

Photocopies or facsimiles of documents are not acceptable.

Generally, one document that shows an applicant's name and Michigan residence address is sufficient. Opening a bank account or entering into a lease agreement may be the easiest ways for hurricane victims to establish residency. Examples include utility bills, insurance policies, and pay stubs and government documents. Post office boxes cannot be used in lieu of a residence address.

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Obtaining Birth Records, Marriage Licenses, Divorce Decrees:

- **Other States:** Contact a central records agency in the state, county, or parish where the person was born, married, or the divorce was granted.

Alabama Department of Public Health
Center for Health Statistics
334-206-5418
www.adph.org

Mississippi Dept. of Health
Vital Records office
(601) 576-7981

Louisiana Health & Hospital Department
Office of Public Health -Vital Records
225-763-5748

Obtaining Driver and Vehicle Records:

- **Other States:** Contact a central records agency in the state, county, or parish where the person resided.

Alabama Department of Revenue
Motor Vehicle Division
Registration and Records
334-242-9056 or 334-353-8038

Alabama Department of Public Safety
Driver License Division
334-242-4400

Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles
Driver & Vehicle Services
225-925-6388 Baton Rouge
877-368-5463 Toll Free

Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission
Eagle Day, Executive Director
601 987-3995

Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Driver Records
601-987-1212 or 601-987-1266

NOTE: Recognizing that hurricane victims may have difficulty obtaining these documents, an exception process exists for those who are unable to provide this documentation. It is a protracted process requiring applicants to exhaust all options outlined above.